



TIPPEGAN NEWS

Tipp City Municipal Utilities Brightens Public Power Week with CFLs



Tipp City is a public power community. Public power is city-owned electric utility service. More than 2,000 cities and towns in the United States light up their

homes, businesses and streets with “public power.” On a national basis, public power residential customers save on average approximately 14% over private power residential consumers. Public power has a strong environmental-protection track record, solid credentials with bond ratings agencies, and a reputation for being “Local, Reliable, Yours.”

Tipp City Municipal Utilities is celebrating Public Power Week by passing out compact fluorescent light bulbs (CFLs). To promote the importance of energy conservation, **Tipp City Municipal Utilities will be passing out CFLs at the Tipp**

City Government Center, 260 S. Garber Drive, Tipp City, on Thursday, October 9 to the first 250 utility customers (please bring in a copy of your utility bill and valid form of ID for verification).

According to the Environmental Protection Agency, “if every U.S. home changed just one light to an ENERGY STAR qualified one, we would save enough energy to light seven million homes.”

We have added a new home energy audit tool on the City’s website. Check it out at http://www.tippcityohio.gov/energy_efficiency.cfm.

October 5 – 11 is celebrated as “Public Power Week.” Thursday, October 9 will include a visit from Ernie Energy between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. Also during Ernie’s visit, a Tipp City Electric Department bucket truck will be parked at the Government Center for customers to view. Tipp City Municipal Utilities will be focusing on energy efficiency all week. 🌿

City and Chamber Seeking Nominees for 2008 Business of the Year and Small Business of the Year Awards Program

The City of Tipp City’s Economic Development Committee, in concert with the Tipp City Area Chamber of Commerce, is accepting nominations for this year’s Business of the Year and Small Business of the Year Awards program. The business must be located in Tipp City and/or Monroe Township and must have been established for a minimum of three years. The business should also have made a significant, worthwhile contribution to the community. A signed letter stating the reasons for the nomination should be sent to the City Manager’s Office, 260 South Garber Drive, Tipp City, Ohio 45371 by Friday, October 31, 2008. Awards will be presented at the Tipp City Area Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Gala which will be held on December 3 at 6 p.m. in the Crystal Room. 🌿



Beggar’s Night

Beggar’s Night for Tipp City and Monroe Township has been

set for Thursday, October 30 from 6 – 8 p.m.

Mum Festival September 26 – 28

Be sure to attend this year’s Mum Festival, which celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the festival. This year’s theme is “Celebrating 50 Years of Family, Friends and Community.” Activities begin on Friday, September 26 at 5 p.m. with the 17th Annual Antique Car Cruise-In/Street Dance, and the Little Mr. and Miss Mum Pageant at 7 p.m. at the Tipp Roller Mill on Main Street. A parade will take place through downtown Tipp City on Saturday, September 27 at 10 a.m. with the festival opening after the parade. The festival continues through Sunday beginning at 11 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m. For more information, please contact Tipp Monroe Community Services at 667-8631 or visit www.tippcitymumfestival.org.

21st Century Sign-Up

One of the most important functions of government is to protect the life and welfare of the people and property within their jurisdiction. The City of Tipp City acting in a concerted effort to protect and inform its residents is now using a more effective way to alert its residents to life-threatening/emergency situations or other critical events. The system currently in service is called 21st

Century Communications. Tipp City will use 21st Century Communications to contact residents about natural or man-made disasters, missing or abducted persons, public health items like boil-water advisories, or any other situation where timely notice is likely to be essential or useful.

The 21st Century Communications system uses a blend of technologies – computer-generated mapping (GIS), database technologies, and a high-speed dialer – to quickly

select a population (geographic area), create a message and deliver the message to residential, business and cell phones.

Tipp City residents who have unlisted numbers or want to be notified by their cell phones may enter those numbers into the 21st Century Communications calling data base by logging onto Tipp City's web-site at www.tippcityohio.gov, clicking on the emergency phone notification sign-up area, and following the instructions.

Fire Prevention Week

The week of October 5 is Fire Prevention Week. This year's theme is "It's Fire Prevention Week – Prevent Home Fires!". In 2006, U.S. fire departments responded to almost 400,000 home structure fires. Since 1922, Fire Prevention Week has been observed on the Sunday through Saturday period in which October 9 falls. This is the date of the Chicago Fire. The purpose of Fire Prevention Week is to underscore the importance of fire safety and to honor fire fighters who put their lives on the line every day to protect their fellow citizens. **The Tipp City Fire Department is planning an open house on Sunday October 12 from 1 – 4 p.m.** We will be showing fire equipment both new and old. The smoke trailer will be available to show children how to exit a burning home. Sparky the Fire Dog should also be making an appearance.

Road Salt Purchase

Tipp City participates in the Southwest Ohio Purchasers for Government (SWOP4G) purchasing cooperative for the bulk purchase of road deicing salt. SWOP4G recently bid out road deicing salt for 108 units of local government. Only two of the six companies invited to bid submitted bids and only 51 of the communities received bids. The two companies that submitted bids, Cargill and Morton Salt, only provided bids to those communities that they provided salt to last year. The City's bid from Morton was for \$104.23 per ton, which is a 118% increase over last year's salt price. Furthermore, the City must commit to purchasing a set amount of road salt by September 26, 2008 and must purchase that amount by April 30, 2009. It is unlikely that additional road salt will be available beyond the City's original commitment should salt supplies run

short. In 2008, the City budgeted \$34,000 for the purchase of road salt. In order to ensure a sufficient salt supply for the upcoming winter and also to promote salt reserves to carry the City the following winter, City Council has committed to purchasing its entire allotment of 760 tons of road salt. An additional \$45,000 will be necessary to meet this commitment. The City is also working with the Tipp City Schools to reserve an additional 40 tons for the district's use this winter. The spike in road salt prices is attributed to late winter storms earlier this year that depleted the salt suppliers stockpiles, and reserves, and the subsequent flooding of the Mississippi River, which slowed efforts to refill the supply. City Council and staff are reviewing our salt application policy and how we can conserve salt this winter season and still provide safe, travelable streets in our City.

Road Closure Hotline

Did you know that the City of Tipp City has established a phone update system to keep citizens abreast of construction, detours, and possible road closures? This Hotline is currently being used to update residents on the North Hyatt Street reconstruction project. **To hear updates, please call 667-6293.**



Important City Contacts

- **Automated Attendant/Direct Connect**
669-TIPP
- **Police, Fire and EMS (EMERGENCY)**
9-1-1
- **Miami County Communications Center (Non-Emergency)**
440-9911
- **Police (Non-Emergency)**
667-3112
- **Fire and EMS (Non-Emergency)**
667-9199 or 667-1680
- **Utility Billing**
667-8424
- **Planning/Zoning**
667-6305
- **Engineering and Utilities**
667-6305
- **Refuse Collection (Waste Management)**
866-695-3433
- **Service Center (Parks and Streets)**
667-8234
- **City Manager's Office**
667-8425
- **Clerk of Council**
506-3173
- **Construction Notice Update**
667-6293